

# News

## From the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission

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### Media Advisory

#### **KENTUCKY STATE NATURE PRESERVES COMMISSION TO MEET**

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 25, 2004) -- The Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission (KSNPC) will conduct a quarterly public meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2004, at 10 a.m. EDT. The meeting will be conducted in the Lincoln Trail Area Development District office, 613 College Street Road, Elizabethtown, Ky.

In addition to usual business, KSNPC will dedicate several new preserves, including Springhouse Barrens in Hardin County, Bouteloua Barrens in Lincoln County, and an addition to Bad Branch State Nature Preserve in Letcher County. KSNPC executive director Donald Dott stated, "We are very excited to add two new preserves and the additional land at Bad Branch. The Bouteloua Barrens and Springhouse Barrens preserves will help ensure the survival of several populations of rare plants and we expect to find other rare species as we further study these sites."

After the KSNPC quarterly meeting and a break for lunch, the commission will conduct a guided site visit to the newly dedicated Springhouse Barrens State Nature Preserve. This preserve normally will not be open to the public except by commission-guided hike.

KSNPC's mission is to protect Kentucky's natural heritage by: (1) identifying, acquiring and managing natural areas that represent the best-known occurrences of rare, native species, natural communities and significant natural features in a statewide nature preserve system; (2) working with others to protect biological diversity; and (3) educating Kentuckians as to the value and purpose of nature preserves and biodiversity conservation. The commission inventories Kentucky for significant natural areas and protects the best examples in a state nature preserve system. With these new additions to the preserve system, KSNPC will protect 19,077 acres statewide.

The meeting facility is accessible to people with disabilities. KSNPC will provide, upon request, reasonable accommodations including auxiliary aids and services necessary to afford individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in all programs and activities. To make special arrangements, contact Cecilia Mitchell at KSNPC by Sept. 3, 2004, at (502) 573-2886 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. EDT.

More information about the commission can be obtained by mail (KSNPC, 801 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601-1403), by telephone (502-573-2886) or on the Internet ([www.kynaturepreserves.org](http://www.kynaturepreserves.org)).